

BLACK AND WHITE CREWS.

It is evident that the question of the payment of lascar crews on steamers en route to Australia is not going to

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opped in the colonies, and when the
mes for the present postal contract
e P. & O. Company to be revised
98, we are likely to hear a good deal
e matter. As a Bombay paper says:
ff Australia were affected in the same
anner as India in a dealings with
wship companies there might
ighter prospect of the successful issue
the hands of De Bono and his associates.

at while we rail against high prices, money the Australians complain of is low. While we indulge in a multitude of words full of sound and fury, signifying little, if not actually nothing, the Australians tie up their money-bags, and the Indians bind themselves into an union

ably to resist the high rates of the talk and write heroic things, and forthwith to the office in Rangoon and book their passages on the *India* or *Peninsular*, or even the *Andamans*. But in Australia they watch for their opportunity. For example, the other night in the Melbourne *Perth*

Mr. Prendergast called attention to the fact that tenders would be opened in a day or two for the carriage of farmers' products from between that port and England. Australia would have them remember, existed for the purpose of keeping white people employed, and in accepting tenders, the tender was accepted from the B. and

men was accepted from the P. and O. company, which employed black labour. It could be a scandal to the country. Farmers of the colony did not want to employ black men while white sailors were talking about in idleness. The P. and O. company employed inferior labour—which was unsafe, and which was

...because it was cheap. The management should do nothing to enhance the profits of shareholders who lived in the parts of the world, and whose only means was to secure fat dividends regardless of the means by which they were obtained. These were Mr Prendergast's contentions and he was not alone in his view.

matter. Mr Maloney, another member of the Legislative Assembly, also entered a emphatic protest against any tender to the P. and O. Company. He denied the Company the honour of being induced the time of the journey between Australia and England. That was done by the Orient Company, which employed

men on its boats. The employment of European sailors or Indian lascars makes no difference in the speed of a vessel, which is the same on all the great lines are European. But three other members in speeches at the meeting backed up the previous speaker in their opinion of them going so far as to advocate

...the P. and O. Company,
...Government, ha
...consistency if it accep
...P. and O. Company.
...Postmasters-General ha
...employment of black labo
...steamers, and it was the duty
...their officers.

sixth member, Mr Winter, said: "The first phase of the black labour question was to get an obedience to the commercial element. The trade, cheap black labour had now been unobtainable for British seamen, on which the safety of commerce depended. In the event of war, and the black labour which had been secured, they could not be relied on."

in an emergency. We in India know that a leader is in every way an efficient soldier. I never known to shirk danger or responsibility, and the Australians ought to be a bit too. But they will not admit it. The outcome of Mr Prendergast's motion will prove that the feeling of the House is against him.

very much against lascar seamen. Italian agitation against the employe of lascars on mail steamers is becoming very active.

On Thursday, 12th inst., says the *Chronicle*, a Japanese fatally stabbed a Chinese cook on the quarterdeck of the *Asahi*.

of India at Yokohama. One account is that the Japanese was a thief caught in the act of stealing a pair of trousers; another says he was a peddler and had missed a pair of trousers from his stock. The cook was killed in half an hour; the cook's man was also stabbed with the same weapon—

The following story of the prowess of New Woman is going the round. Three days ago, at a shooting party in the R.

Scotland, a lady appeared clad in orthodox sporting outfit hitherto monopolized by the sterner sex. Although she expended a considerable number of cartridges, she was not successful in bringing down a single bird. The gamekeeper, after the return of the party, expressed himself as follows:—
"The lady's performance was quite a record."

"I'll be glad to see the lady's performance:—She is a
 gentleman a' that she cud. She was
 in the same class, she smoked, drank a
 little whiskey, ay an' aince gied a bit swee-
 tness; bit as for shuttin', she cudna
 open a barn-door at ten yairds, so' she nev-
 er said "thank ye" the mair. I'll be
 her kind come about I'll throw up ma-

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Quotations.

HONGKONG, September 28, 1870

OPIMUM—New Patna, cash,...	725
" Old " cash,...	—
" New Benares, cash, 7 7½	
" Old " cash,...	—
" New Malwa, credit, 680/	
Allowance, Tael,...	8/32
" Old Malwa, credit, 740	
Allowance, Tael,...	8/32

17	Allowance, Tacks,...	872
18	Persian, Oil, cash,	780
19	Allowance, Tacks,...	48
20	Persian, Paper tied	—
	Allowance, Tacks,...	—

HONGKONG REGISTER.

	Previous day at 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer ...	29.80	29.65	
Temperature	81	85	
Humidity ...	74	59	
Direction of Wind ...	E	SE	

Force	2	1
Weather	b	b
Rain		

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 Lowest open air temperature on the stand...
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 Hongkong Observatory Sent. 21. 11

Temperature.
(Taken at Messrs. Salomon's & Co.
Premises, Queen's Road.)
HONGKONG, September 23, 1895.

Barometer—	6 A.M. ...	29.8
"	1 P.M. ...	29.8

Do.	1 P.M.	80
Do.	4 P.M.	79.7
Thermometer—	9 A.M.	82
Do.	1 P.M.	80
Do.	4 P.M.	83
Do.	(Wet bulb) 9 A.M.	76
Do.	Do. 1 P.M.	78
Do.	Do. 4 P.M.	79

Do. Maximum 35
Do. Minimum over night 69

